

TOWN OF GRANBY  
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
March 12, 2014

**PRESENT** Chairman David Tolli, Aurelle Locke, Richard Van Nostrand, Wayne Cahoon, Craig Perry, Neil Kraner and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:02 p.m.

**MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mr. Kraner, the commission approves (6-0-0) the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting as presented.

**APPLICATIONS**

2a. Holcomb Farm, 115 Simsbury Road – bridge repair

The bridge in question spans the west branch of Salmon Brook and provides access to the walking trails. Kevin Clark, Town Engineer and Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development present the application.

Description of bank erosion and shift in brook movement as well as evidence of the amount of debris clogging the brook were presented anecdotally and supported with photographs both when the bridge was constructed in 2006 and present day conditions. One of the ramps is in danger of falling into the brook and the footing on the easterly side is eroding. Over the past few years the Department of Public Works (DPW) has taken debris and packed it into the banks to aid in stabilization. Mr. Armentano has received requests from residents to make bridge repairs.

The intent in making the repairs is to utilize natural materials and to keep it a low-cost, low-impact project. Some stone material may be required. This project would be done during a period of low flow, typically July and/or August. Access to the opposite side of the brook should not cause significant disturbance as the area has a mostly rocky base. When replacing the ramp it is suggested that it have 'break-away' properties so as not to cause damage to the bridge in the event of a high velocity producing storm.

A public hearing of this matter is to be scheduled for next month's meeting.

3b. Tim Brignole, 113R Hartford Ave – create storm water basin

Guy Hesketh, project engineer, presented the application. The property sits on the East Granby/West Granby line and will host a proposed vineyard. The old farm house (located in East Granby) will be converted into a wine cellar, tasting room and party room.

A topography survey was conducted in summer 2013 by Henry C. Cotton and Associates which shows a small natural depression in the land. The soil scientist determined wetland soil in small floodway. There is a pond on the southern portion of the property. A stone check dam and grass swale will be installed.

The storm drain would be installed in the proposed gravel parking area.

After additional review, Mr. Askew discovered that no activity will fall in the wetland. There is no need for a full permit application on this matter.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Van Nostrand, the commission redesignates this matter as a request for review since all activity will fall outside of the wetland review area. Mr. Askew has authorization to sign the request. (6-0-0)

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

3a. 7 Clemons Springs – 30 x 38 barn in upland review area

The proposed barn will be used for horses and storage. No clearing has been proposed and the wetland has been flagged. Chairman Tolli and Mr. Askew have both visited the site. The wetland is a slight depression and has only filled once in four years. Mr. Askew does not foresee any potential impact with activity 16' from the wetland.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Kraner, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission grants the wetland agent to sign the review. (6-0-0)

3b. Valley Brook Church, 160 Granville Road – storm water outlet and parking lot construction in upland review area

The existing track will be converted into the proposed gravel parking lot. No water will leave the parking lot. Mr. Askew has the authority to sign the review.

**ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS**

Mr. Askew received five to six calls from various agricultural agencies regarding the winter spreading of manure by Lost Acres Vineyard. Due to the heavy amount of snowfall and frozen ground the manure ran off to the neighboring property and into the fish hatching ponds. Lost Acres was sent a letter by one (or more) of the agencies not to engage in winter spreading in the future. Mr. Askew indicated that he allowed the other agencies to take the lead in the matter and did not feel additional involvement was necessary.

The next monthly meeting is April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Van Nostrand, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 8:08 p.m. (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost  
Recording Secretary